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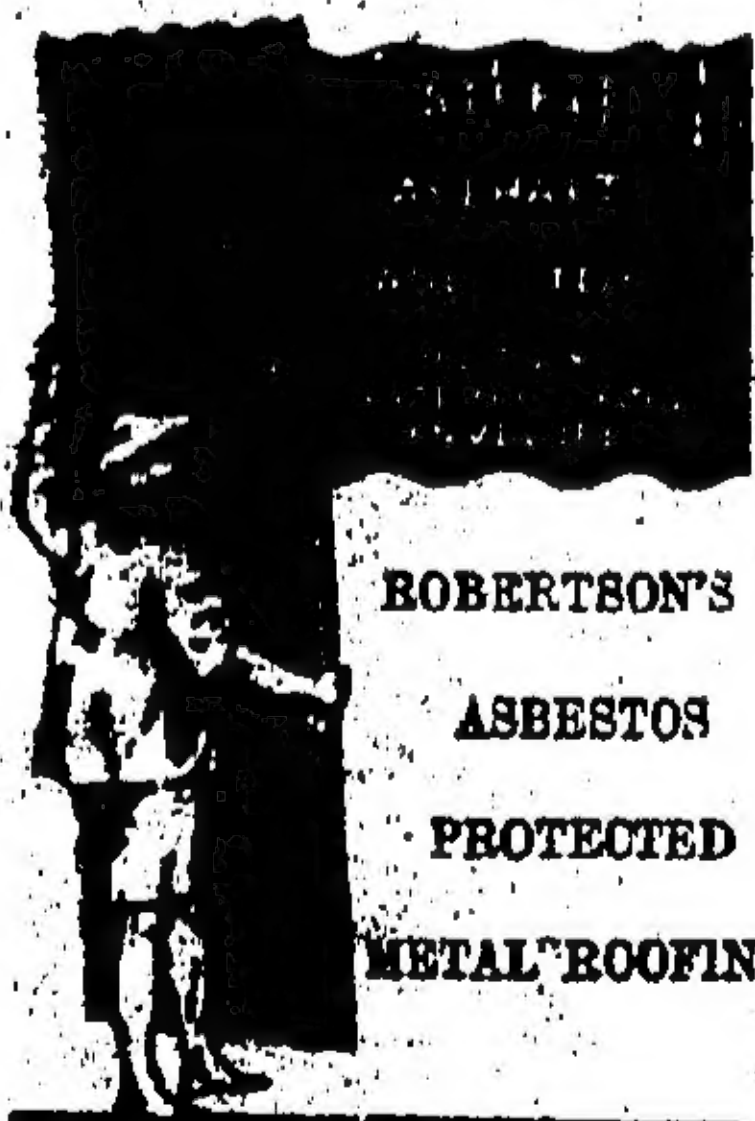
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STABBING AFFRAY.

MURDER ALLEGED AGAINST INDIAN GUARDS.

TROUSERS AS EVIDENCE.

The killing of an Indian guard in the Western district of the City on the night of April 23, led to the appearance of two fellow-guards, Nur Ahmed and Sandan Khan, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, both on a charge of murder. No evidence of the actual stabbing was given in court this morning but another guard, who had relieved the deceased, said that on hearing a commotion whilst he was walking on his beat he turned and saw the deceased slipping to the floor, held from in front and behind by the two prisoners. Blood was pouring from his left side.

Circumstantial evidence also centred round a pair of trousers which had been found shortly after the killing hanging on the rail in the quarters of one of the prisoners. They had been newly washed and still showed signs of stain. There was no doubt that these trousers were the property of the prisoner, said Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Attorney-General, who prosecuted, as when he was taken to the police station he was wearing a khaki tunic and white drill trousers. The trousers found hanging in his room were sent to Dr. Minnett who found signs of blood on them—he could not say whether it was human or animal blood.

Medical evidence given this morning was to the effect that a sharp instrument had entered deceased's heart, the wound having been inflicted by someone in front using the right hand. It had entered the body just below the eighth rib.

Rushan Khan, the guard who said he saw the two prisoners holding the deceased about the time he received the wound, was cross-examined at some length by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who appeared for the two prisoners. He said that when he relieved the deceased, he noticed that his turban was unrolled and his dress in disorder, but received no reply when he had asked for the reason.

Witness contradicted himself, stating under cross-examination that because of the crowd that had collected when the stabbing had occurred he could see nothing when he turned. Later he amended by saying that he actually saw the prisoners holding the deceased.

The case is continuing.

COMING HERE.

NEW AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL.

NOTABLE CAREER.

The American Consulate General at Hongkong announces the impending arrival of Consul General Roger Culver Tredwell, on s.s. President Jackson, due August 12. Mr. Tredwell, who will assume charge of the Consulate General, is one of the most distinguished members of the American Foreign Service. Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., he is a graduate of St. Paul's School, of Yale University, and attended the University at Grenoble, France, in 1908.

He was appointed to the Foreign Service in 1908, served as Vice and Deputy Consul-General at Yokohama in 1910; Deputy Consul-General at London in 1911; in charge at Burslem 1911-1912; reappointed Deputy Consul-General at London, 1912; at Dresden, 1912; assigned to duty in the Department of State, October, 1912; appointed Consul at Bristol, 1913; at Amsterdam, 1914; at Leghorn, 1914; at Naples, 1914; assigned to Turin, 1915; Rome, 1916; Petrograd, 1917; Volodga, 1918; Moscow, 1918; Tashkent, 1918; detailed to the American Commission to negotiate peace at Paris, May 1919; appointed Consul General at Lugo, November, 1921.

Consul Algar E. Carleton has been in charge of the Consulate General since September 1, 1924, when Consul General William H. Gale was transferred to Amsterdam.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/8 15/16.

AFTER 25 DAYS.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND AT PO HING FONG.

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED.

The body of a Chinese girl was unearthed last night in the course of clearing operations on the site of the disastrous house collapse of July 17 at Po Hing Fong.

Although the body was in the form of only a skeleton, a number of persons established identity by means of the clothing. The find proved to be that of a mui tsai, 14 years old, who was employed at house No. 15.

The work of digging on the eastern side of the demolished houses has been considerably delayed owing to the danger from the partly demolished house No. 16, and it was here that the latest body was discovered.

The official record of deaths so far known stands at 71.

INDIAN IN GUTTER.

STORY OF AN ALLEGED ASSAULT.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

A Filipino resident of Hai-phong Road was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with alleged assault.

The evidence was that the accused struck an Indian constable on Saturday night and knocked him into a gutter.

The accused's version was that he accidentally bumped into another Indian, who was walking beside the complainant. The latter thereupon, thinking that an assault was intended, took him into custody.

A Police Inspector who was present at the charge room described the accused's condition and behaviour as being quite sober and straightforward. The charge was dismissed.

IN HAND.

FRENCH CONTROL REBEL SITUATION.

NO NEED FOR ALARM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 9.

Some newspapers now declare that the reports of the Druse rising are exaggerated. They admit that the French troops suffered a somewhat serious reverse in the Saida district, but opine that the losses are magnified.

The report of the evacuation in Southern Hauran is described as a flagrant error, and the report of the capture of tanks is discredited.

As stated, the French troops in Syria are not yet provided with them.

It is declared as a certainty

"BOLD AND FRUGAL."

MARSHALL PETAIN AND THE RIFFS.

COMBINED ACTION PENDING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 9.

"The horizon is clearing," says Marshall Petain in the report of his mission to Morocco which M. Painleve has just issued. Marshall Petain describes events since the first Riffi attack and speaks of the "strong, skilful, bold, well equipped, mobile and frugal Riffs at Djebalas against whom only the remarkable tenacity and devotion of the French troops had held the Fez Taza road to Algeria. Marshall Petain emphasises that the interior of Morocco is still loyal to France and that combined action is now being prepared to drive out the enemy and re-establish French authority.

INDO-CHINA.

SOCIALIST SUCCESSOR TO M. MERLIN.

CONGRESS ATTACK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 9.

A Socialist Congress at Puy de Dome, after hearing explanations from M. Varenne, passed a resolution condemning his acceptance of office and calling on him to choose between the Governorship of Indo-China and membership of the Socialist Party.

[A previous message announced M. Varenne's acceptance of the post of Governor-General of Indo-China, in succession to M. Merlin. M. Varenne is Deputy for Puy de Dome and Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies.]

BRYAN'S WILL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Miami, August 9.

The will of Mr. W. J. Bryan filed for probate, disposes of an estate valued approximately at \$500,000. Eighty per cent. goes to the widow and family, and the remainder to various churches. The bequests include \$50,000 to establish an academy for boys, under supervision of some evangelical church.

At an examination recently held by Dr. Gawler, the following Members of the Indian Division of the St. John Ambulance Division were passed as qualified to render "First Aid to the Injured." The Surgeon Instructor was Dr. Milward—H. O. Hoosen, S. M. Ramjahn, A. O. Wabab, N. Osman, Y. A. Wabab, and A. Bushir.

use, has been obliged to withdraw owing to the sudden attack by the Druses on its transport.

(Havas Agency.)

Beirut, August 8.

Reliable reports, concerning the recent incidents at Jebeldruse, state that the rebels surprised a French company. The punitive column moved back, the native troops accompanying its convoy having been attacked. Calm prevails now and reinforcements have arrived.

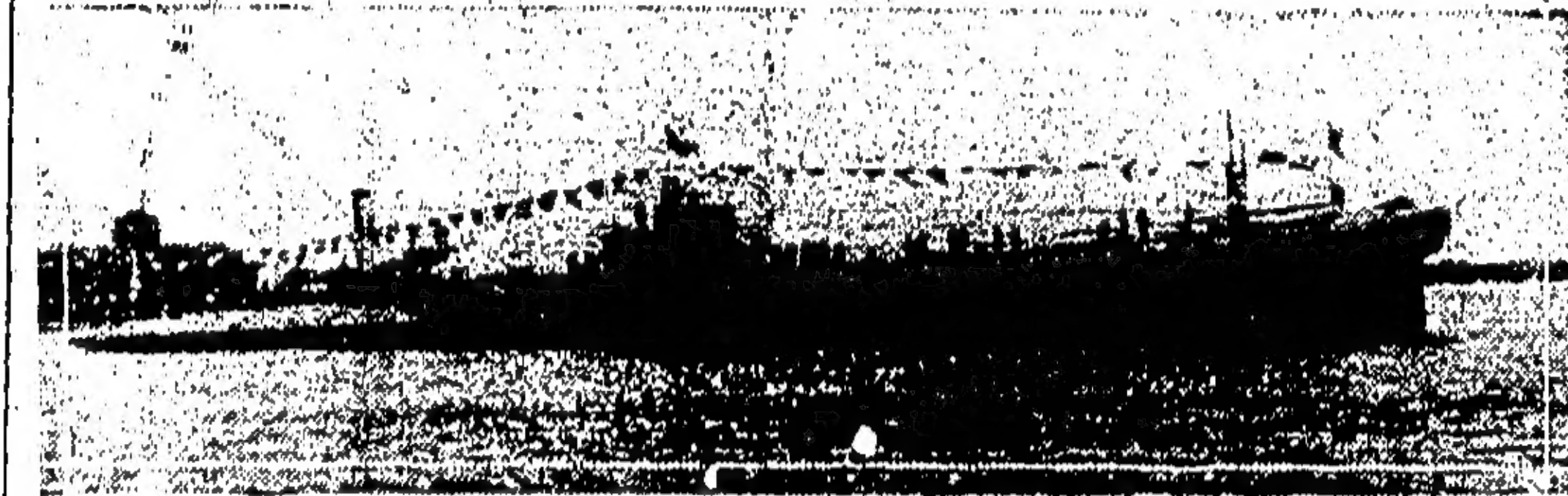
(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 8.

It is reported from Beirut that a number of Druses have taken refuge in Trans-Jordan. The British authorities have despatched armoured cars to drive them back into the French mandated territory. They have also sent aeroplanes to fly over the frontier.

[A Paris message of August 2 from Beirut stated that French operations had taken place at Jebel Druse in Syria. They could be described as satisfactory. Eighteen insurgents were killed. The aerial bomb operations were a sequel to agitation on July 24 near Saida, when a French column, which was attacking in full movement with the British, was attacked by rebels, by means of armoured cars, and insurgents penetrating into Trans-Jordan.]

ANOTHER MONSTER SUBMARINE LAUNCHED.



The launching of the U. S. Submarine V-3. Like its sister ships, the V-1 and V-2, already in commission, the V-3 is designed to accompany the Battle Fleet anywhere, in any weather, at any speed the fleet itself can maintain, and has comfortable quarters for officers and men. It is propelled by four six-cylinder Diesel oil engines and is armed with six 21-inch tubes to fire Mark XI torpedoes and one five-inch, 51-calibre gun. The V-3 is of 341 ft. 6 in. overall length, 27 ft. 6 in. maximum beam, and 2,164 tons surface displacement. Its surface speed is 21 knots maximum, while under water it can be driven 9 knots an hour.

STUDENT'S OFFENCE.

PENALTY FOR EXPORTING MONEY.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a Chinese student of Queen's College pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to export more than the sum allowed by the regulations promulgated recently.

The offender, who had \$7 in Hongkong notes and \$40 in Canton silver currency, had to forfeit all but five dollars of each denomination.

Considering that the offender was not an illiterate person, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25 in addition.

NEW POLICE STATION.

SHAMSHUIPO BUILDING OCCUPIED.

Yesterday was a red letter day in the annals of the Shamshuiipo Police when they moved into occupation of a spacious building which had been under construction for a considerable time.

The building, which serves both as a Police Station and quarters for married men, is of the same design as the Kowloon City Police Station, and is quite ample for the growing needs of the Shamshuiipo district.

The use of the old Police Station building and the houses at Tai Nan Street, serving as quarters for officers has been discontinued with the opening of the new building. In addition to facilities for married officers, the new structure has quite a number of spare rooms.

DULL WEEK END.

HONGKONG GETS TYPHOON TAIL.

RAFTS DAMAGED.

Week end sport was interfered with to a considerable extent as a result of Hongkong experiencing the tail end of the typhoon which came N.N.E. from the direction of Hainan and passed westwards, entering the coast about 120 miles from Hongkong.

A very severe blow was also experienced and the sea outside the harbour was very rough. The rafts at Repulse Bay were carried to the shore and considerable damage done to two of them.

The first report of the typhoon was issued on Saturday morning, when it was stated to be in Lat. 20 N., Long. 111 E., position uncertain and direction of motion unknown. A later warning on the same day, stated that the depression was nearly stationary but deepening. Then it appears to have started moving, and shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning, local signal No. 3 was hoisted. Three hours later it was recorded as being in Lat. 22 N., Long. 112 E., moving N.N.E. position uncertain. Shortly before midnight, information came through from which it was ascertained that the typhoon entered the coast on a N.N.E. track at about 8 o'clock in the morning.

RECLAMATION WORK.

VISIT BY THE GOVERNOR.

On Friday His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Assistant Colonial Secretary, paid a visit of inspection to the Reclamation being undertaken by the Netherlands Harbour Works Company at North Point. His Excellency was received by Mr. Kwik Djoer-ehng and proceeded round the yards, where the process of making and handling the huge blocks of concrete was demonstrated.

His Excellency and party then embarked on the Victoria and proceeded to the site where the new sea wall is being constructed, to see the concrete blocks being lowered into place under water, with the assistance of divers.

No baseball match was played during the week-end, the rain making postponement imperative.

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MASONIC FUND

HAPPY-LUNCHEON AT
OLYMPIA

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Reuter's Service.)

Seven thousand Freemasons attended the luncheon at Olympia today, in connection with the Tonic Million Memorial Fund

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economy. Wash amahs had gone, and washing had to be reduced to the minimum, the kahki short and shirt, holding its natural colours for a good number of hours. The "China Mail" has, ere this, pleaded for a reform in the summer dress of men. So have a number of its correspondents. The idea is a common-sense one. It needs a number to persist, in setting an example for it to be widely followed. That it has not been widely followed hitherto may be put down to the fact that in certain quarters it has probably not been considered "the thing." The truth may be that some have spoiled the work of reformers by overdoing it—by a combination of colours that has vied with the rainbow. A little sense is needed; perhaps a little expert sense. A pair of kahki shorts should if possible appear with a pair of *brown* stockings and a pair of brown shoes. Thus a simple colour scheme is effected. A white pair of shorts will look better on some than kahki. Reasonable thought should decide

Medical opinion strongly stresses the fact that women's modern dress conduces to longevity—or rather to a state of health leading to it. Light and air, nature's health agencies, get to the skin, and discomfort, especially in climates like Hongkong's is almost unknown. A sense of irritability is avoided, and nerves are in a continual state of control. Men are conservative animals and the universal rule has been to cover up from neck to toe, generally in garments that tend to a state of perspiration, leading to prickly heat, discomfort and a state that helps to the aforesaid irritability. During the early days of the "strike," there was a "run" on "shorts," and the openness of the tennis shirt. Men were doing household and other tasks that demanded clothing that did not impede the reasonable action of the body, and helped in saving time and temper. Also, there was the question

The god of secrets is one of the descriptions applied to the Greek deity bearing this name. There is no secret now concerning the purpose of His Britannic Majesty's ship, Hermes. Her function in Far Eastern Waters has been fully divulged. She is to be in this part of the world in her capacity of sea-plane carrier in the interests and protection of British residents. This is satisfactory news. To prevent unnecessary troubles is to be prepared for them. To be equipped with the most modern of defensive and offensive weapons, or to be in close call to them, makes residence in disturbed areas a little less irksome. The trouble nowadays is to kill a foreigner make some trumpery excuse, or trot out an argument that a murder was not political but one of robbery, and the trouble is forgotten, or countered by compensation. A seaplane or two may not stop that kind of thing, but it will probably convince conspirators against the peace of the world that length can be taken which admit only of instant reprisals. Hongkong in particular should welcome the

DEATH DUTIES. Over \$80,000 was paid to the Government in Death Duties out of the estate of the late Mr. Montague Ede. It appears that in compiling its estimates of income and expenditure, the Government takes no account of the fact that it is likely to receive additions to its revenue by reason of people passing away and leaving estates on which Death Duties are liable. At any rate the words do not appear in the estimates. They may, of course, be included in other figures, such as "Other Miscellaneous Receipts" against which \$20,000 was shown for the current year, as against \$25,000 in 1924.

SCHOOLBOYS' about Hongkong's AMBITIONS, schoolboy strikers is very interesting. It coincides with a fascinating study on children's ambitions which develop as they grow older, by Miss Eve Macaulay in "The Forum of Education." A boy of eight wanted to be like Captain Cook—"because I could go in a boat." All 11 came the

definite statement, "he had 'an adventurous life and saw many new countries,' while at 15 came the reasoned statement, "he travelled widely, did his country great service by his discoveries, and was a noble man in his treatment of the natives." Then the girl. At eight she said of Florence Nightingale, "She had a lamp, and went to war with it;" at 11, she had adventures in the hospitals when she went to nurse the poor soldiers; at 16, "she was a pioneer in nursing and did a wonderful amount of good." Dealing with ideals and the unconscious, Miss Macaulay says it was found that in every instance where boys who had chosen Robinson Crusoe could be identified, they came from crowded, noisy, quarrelsome homes. Stunted, sickly boys frequently chose the policeman as their ideal. "Perhaps here is a subconscious longing for stature and strength," writes Miss Macaulay, "though the consciously expressed reasons are, such as 'he has a whistle, 'he has nothing to think about,' 'he gets good pay and short hours.' Sometimes the subconscious longing is nearer the surface. A little girl with tubercular tendencies gave an apple 'as her ideal, 'because it is round and rosy,' and a child who shortly afterwards ran away from a strict, unsympathetic home, and was discovered making for the sea coast, chose 'Nelson, 'because he stuck pains: and died like a sailor!'"

Kuala Lumpur's
Discharged Visiting Justices
Prisoners have appointed a
committee to report
Prisoners' Aid Society. It is re-
freshing to find some residents in
the East taking such an interest
in discharged prisoners to the ex-
tent of wishing to form a Society
to aid them on their release.
D'Almeida's Visiting Justices
should copy this example. The
community throws a man into prison
and takes no further thought of
him. It is wrong.

(Geology is the geography of the past, as Lord Avebury has aptly expressed it). The wonderful "restorations" adorning the walls of great museums, displaying the artists' conceptions of the scenery of the past—the Carboniferous and Permian swamps, with their flora and fauna so different from that of today—the Mesozoic valleys, with their huge and grotesque dinosaurs, great pterodactyles flying overhead; the Mesozoic seas, with their plesiosaurs and ichthyosaurs pursuing their prey—these are not vain imaginings. The records in the rocks show unmistakably the general conditions of the region while the rocks were being formed, enabling the artist, with the aid of the geologist, to reconstruct the topography in general way. The remains of the plants preserved in the rocks enable the artist, with the aid of the paleobotanist, to reconstruct the flora and to clothe the land with vegetation of types long extinct. The complete skeletons found in the rocks enable the artist, with the aid of the paleozoologist and anatomist, to reconstruct the animals that long ago roamed the land, swam the seas and glided through the air, and thus to repeople the scene with its former inhabitants. With all this information before him, he may sometimes find what accurately present to us the landscape of swamps in a region now arid, clothed with verdure not unknown, in which the extinct "Long-necked lizards basked under the sun."

ages, conditions were constantly changing, ever so slowly to be sure, but ever so certainly. Mountain ranges from the plains, and then in the course of time disappeared. Continents repeatedly shifted their boundaries. Seas invaded the land and then retreated, reinvaded and retreated again, repeating this process over and over. With each change in climatic and physiographic conditions formations of different character were deposited. Hence we have alternating deposits of sandstone, limestone and shale, each telling a different story of its origin. Some formations teem with marine fossils, some are filled with land, fresh-water or brackish-water fossils, according to the conditions under which they were deposited. The difference in the character of these ancient formations has a very important influence upon modern scenery and is intimately related to the welfare of the human race. The sandstones provide building stones in abundance; limestones provide lime for plaster and other purposes; shales provide brick-making material; deposits of iron provide indispensable construction material; great deposits of coal make it possible to work the iron into shape for use. All these things enter into the construction of our buildings which have greatly altered the scenery of all civilized lands and have made possible the architecture of our modern cities.

And winged dragons ruin wrought
A fascinating story is the one we
read in the rocks, of the various
stages in the development of the
earth's surface and its inhabitants,
leading up to their present state.
Where the earliest fossil-bearing
rocks have been overturned by the
crumpling of the earth's crust and
then exposed by erosion, we find the
total absence of the types of plants
and animals with which we are
now most familiar. No trees,
flowering plants adorned the land
at that early period; no fishes
swam the seas; no mammals roamed
the continents; no birds winged
their way through the air; there
were no reptiles, no amphibians,
Trilobites, and eurypterids, no
insects exist, then ruled the seas.
Invertebrate brachiopods, now re-
presented by an insignificant num-
ber of living species and individuals,
constituted a very important element
in the ancient faunas. In successive
strata we find the appearance of
fishes and some becoming more
and more like those of to-day, un-
til in the Tertiary rocks we find
many genera, and some species,
which are not yet extinct.

The rocks plainly inform us
abundant and very definite evi-
dence that throughout the eons

So when our attention is arrested by a fifteen-story skyscraper, we may truthfully say that this was made possible by the geologic processes which deposited these materials so long ago and afterwards tilted them up and exposed them where they could be obtained when needed. When the rank vegetation in certain regions during the Carboniferous and Cretaceous ages was filling the ancient swamps with coal, it was preparing the way for modern civilization, with its dense, well-packed cities, its steamships and its railways. Other deposits deep beneath the earth's surface have become available to man through his industry and genius. His drills are penetrating the earth to a depth of seven thousand feet or more; in the search for oil stores of long ago. His shafts are sinking many hundreds of feet below the surface in the search for the mineral wealth deposited there in bygone ages.

Whether or not we see in all this a purpose to provide for the coming of man, it is surely wonderful to contemplate that all these things which make for the comfort, pleasure and progress of the human race were prepared by Nature so abundantly when no man walked the face of the earth—again, as Henderson in *Introduction to Geology in its Relations* to Man.

LOCAL TRADE.

CHINESE MERCHANTS AND THE SITUATION.

LABOURERS NEED ENLIGHTENMENT.

The relations between merchants and labourers and the devising of means whereby the present hold up of trade might be brought to an end were amongst the matters considered at the monthly committee meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce which was held on Saturday afternoon. It was finally announced that it was intended that a committee representative of different trades should be formed and for this purpose a meeting was to take place on Saturday next at 2 p.m.

A letter had been received, it was intimated, from Char Shou-sang calling attention to the fact that merchants at Shanghai had been able to resume business on June 26 whereas in Hongkong where the strike had been declared in support of Shanghai workers had not fully returned to work.

The letter went on to appeal for the calling of a joint friendly meeting of merchants and labourers at which an appeal should be made to the latter to resume work first and leave diplomatic matters to the Government to settle.

Similar suggestions for enlightening the labourers at Canton were contained in a letter from Ma Kim-mo. His proposal was that a circular be issued in the name of the Hongkong merchants and labourers, strongly advocating the necessity of changing their plans, and explaining that the Government was responsible for the settlement of the Shanghai incident and that as the labourers' patriotic movement had been fully demonstrated to the world, they should first return to work and then wait for settlement.

Employers should also be requested not to reject their returning employees or cut their wages, was the opinion of the writer. The past should be forgotten, so that the workmen might not be afraid to return.

Yet another personal expression of opinion was that contained in a letter from Dr. Ho Poi-yue, of the Kwong Wah Hospital, who asked what damage could be done to others by simply calling out a strike of students and labourers. The students should be diligent in their studies so as to complete their education; the merchants, farmers and labourers should be diligent in their occupation, so as to promote native industry. Thus the weak might become strong and the poor rich. Who would then insult us?

OTHER MATTERS.

It was announced that Messrs. the King Firm had complained to the Chamber that the night-soil coolies had exacted exorbitant charges, much higher than the rate fixed by the Sanitary Board. The night-soil coolies' contractors, the Lee Yick Company had been asked to instruct their coolies not to demand these high charges, but in their reply they stated that they were powerless to interfere with the coolies. But as this thing should be remedied, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin was requested to approach the Sanitary Board on the matter. This was unanimously approved.

Other matters referred to in the course of the meeting were registration of servants, the effect on merchants of the Piracy Prevention Ordinance, the policy of the foreign banks with regard to overdrawn accounts and percentages paid on mortgage on shares and properties.

On the first question it was said to be the opinion of the Chamber that the time was not ripe to take up the matter; on the second that Mr. T. N. Chan had been engaged to represent the interests of the shipowners; and on the third that the Chinese Chamber had taken up the matter with the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the foreign Banks.

MINDS NOT USED.

THE COMING AGE OF MENTAL GIANTS.

That men and women will some time become a race of intellectual giants in comparison with the present generation is the theory of the Maudsley Lecture, delivered to the Medico-Psychological Association meeting in London by Dr. J. Shaw Bolton, director of the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield.

Even when employed to the maximum by the higher individuals of the race, the brain, Dr. Bolton said, is working only at a fifth of its potential capacity. Few individuals exercise their

K. K. K.

MONSTER WASHINGTON PARADE.

CROWD'S SILENCE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, August 9.

A Ku Klux Klan monster parade took place to-day in which the police estimated, there were 30,000 marchers, including many women.

The marchers were unmasked owing to a local Ordinance forbidding this.

A great crowd watched the parade silently, except when it applauded some particularly colourful spectacle.

There were no disorders.

FATAL BLAZE.

BELATED CALL TO FIRE BRIGADE.

A three-storey house at Sun Street, Wanchai, was completely gutted in a fire which broke out shortly before midnight on Saturday. All that is now left of the building are the bare walls. The verandahs of the adjoining houses were also considerably damaged by scorching.

The fire equipments from Central, Wanchai and Kennedy Town Stations arrived on the scene half an hour after the blaze started, and by this time all the floors of the houses had fallen in and the building presented a pillar of fire from floor to roof. The ground and first floors were used by rattan furniture makers, and the contents hastened the spread of the fire, which is stated to have been caused by a lighted cigarette end dropping through the planks of the floor above the rattan on the ground floor.

Two pumps were brought into action with four hoses worked from different angles, and the danger of the fire spreading to the adjoining houses was removed when the stop signal was given after 50 minutes' work.

The second floor of the demolished house is stated to have been occupied by Indians. The occupants of all the floors managed to get away, except a man employed by the rattan maker on the first floor. The body of this man, about 18 years of age, was found in a charred condition amongst the debris.

ALARM SYSTEM.

In justice to the Fire Brigade, it may be mentioned that their late arrival was due to no fault of their own, as they were on the scene just as soon as they received the call. It appears that a gentleman made an attempt to get a message through by telephone, but could not make himself understood to the operator, and a lot of precious time was wasted before the call was eventually received by the Fire Brigade. Prior to the arrival of the Brigade, a number of naval men had made an unsuccessful attempt to subdue the flames with buckets of water.

There are only eleven fire alarms in the Colony on the type of the one outside the Hongkong Hotel. These are all in the central district and extend as far as Bonham Strand West—the Tung Wah Hospital, Wilmer Street, Hollywood Road, and Canton Wharf being some of the places provided with the patent alarms. Immediately the alarm is given, by breaking the glass and pulling a knob, a bell rings at the Station, until stopped by one of the officers, and at the same time a disc drops indicating the place from which the alarm has come. The apparatus serves a double purpose, as, by the aid of an ear-piece and a plug, which forms the equipment of the Brigade, the alarm pillar can be used for communicating with the station in the same way as a telephone.

It is to be hoped that the installation of these efficient alarm signals will soon be extended to other parts of the densely populated area, such as the scene of Saturday's fire.

marvellous organ of mind so as to justify its possession, and human beings in the mass do not think.

Few people appreciated what a large proportion of their apparent thinking was merely repetition of things learned by heart, gossip, scandal, and the like.

But compared with birds and insects, we are plastic in our bodies, and this in the end may enable us rapidly to evolve from our present relatively infantile stage of mental development.

The worker is the individual of the race who counts, and his descendants will eventually employ successfully the mechanism which the mass of talkers is merely playing with, like a child with a new toy.

TURBULENT CHINESE

MALAY STATES PAPER'S COMMENT.

HONGKONG'S EXPERIENCE.

Thus far, despite its large Chinese population, Malaya has wholly escaped any manifestations of the unrest and disorder which have created such a serious situation further East. There are good reasons for this gratifying immunity, observes the "Malay Mail."

The principal one is that the Chinese residents of this Peninsula are solidly loyal to the flag under whose authority they live. They realise and entirely appreciate the blessings of life under British rule or protection, leaving them free from social disruption, from political intrigue, from oppression and exploitation such as are widespread in China, and enabling them to pursue their business activities and private lives in an atmosphere of law and order, and equality of opportunity, that is all, or almost all, that they could wish for. Possibly, however, it is too much to hope that this country should escape some backwash of the troubled waters of the day. That there is some real danger of agitators endeavouring to create mischief here is evidenced by the arrest of a man who was haranguing a crowd in Singapore. It is alleged in a manner designed to have undesirable consequences. He is now on remand. When he is next before the court, more may be disclosed as to the exact trend of his oratorical exercises.

Such an incident—even if the worst construction of the man's purpose should prove to be justified—need, we think, cause no uneasiness. We are quite convinced that any agitators who come to Malaya believing that there is material here for Bolshevism or other subversive fashioning will meet with bitter disappointment. They will be wasting their energies, and taking grave personal risks without achieving any of the results, that might be their objective. It is poor territory for the propagandist, especially now the slump is over, and there is work for all the labouring classes who seek it, thus removing a potent cause of the discontent upon which extremist agents know how to play.

Meanwhile, it is encouraging to learn that the serious and lavishly organised strike in Hongkong is collapsing, and that after a spell of hysterical and unreasoning turbulence, those who so precipitately left good and safe employment are showing a general disposition to return. The haggard elements of Canton's "Red" elements have proved to be false. There has been neither work nor food for the thousands who proceeded to the city in a momentary antipathy to life in a British Colony. Promises have been unfulfilled, seediness have proved vain for any useful or patriotic purpose. But the returning prodigals could not expect to be allowed quietly to resume their former avocations without undergoing some penance for their ill-considered adventure. As the "Straits Times" correspondent has telegraphed, the residents of Hongkong are disposed to take their turn in the game now. The past services of returning strikers are to be expunged from their records. They must make a new start, on fresh conditions, dictated by their employers. And it is proposed to introduce registration, not only of domestic servants, but also of office employees.

The meeting at Hongkong passed a series of strong resolutions. These resolutions dealt not only with the local situation in Hongkong, but with the current problem of China generally; and it is indisputable that British residents in the Far East are entitled to be heard before momentous decisions are arrived at which will closely affect them. They are also within their rights in endeavouring to discount the untrue or distorted statements which have gained wide currency concerning industrial conditions, as the cause of the present trouble. As they point out, the employees in British-owned factories in China are inestimably better off than those in Chinese-owned factories, and the labour agitators would have been well-advised to fight for the elevation of the latter to the standards of the former, instead of pursuing a policy which could only be exposed as mere anti-foreignism, as malicious, as misguided, unwarranted, and utterly futile. The signs are that we are now nearing the end of China's crisis, and that prudent counsels are prevailing. Once order is restored, there can be no fear that any legitimate cause that China has for the revision of her relationship with foreign interests within her borders, and with the outside world, will not receive very careful and generous consideration.

The Blue Book on "Labour Conditions in China" issued this month shows that out of 33 cotton mills in Shanghai, only eight are owned by British companies, 23 by Japanese and the rest by Chinese.

H.M.S. HERMES.

SUBJECT OF INTERESTED COMMENT.

TWENTY PLANES ABOARD.

H.M.S. Hermes, which arrived in Hongkong over the week end and took up position off the Naval anchorage at Yau-mai this morning, was the subject of much interested comment on account of its somewhat peculiar dimensions and the seeming smallness of the deck used for taking off and alighting by the 20 planes carried.

The Hermes, which is under the command of Capt. the Hon. Arthur Stopford, C.M.G., who at one time served with the Naval Air Force, was until recently serving with the Mediterranean Fleet. She is an air-craft carrier of about 11,000 tons and is 598 feet in length over-all, beam over flight deck is 90 feet and draught 18 1/4 feet. She carries 20 seaplanes. Her armament consists of six 5.5 in. four 4 in. anti-aircraft guns and nine 2-pounders. Begun on the 15th of January, 1918, she was completed in 1923.

MORTAL GOLF.

ENGAGING ECCENTRICITY OF GENIUS.

WHO CHARLES JOHNS IS.

Charles Johns, as the victor in the "Daily Mail" £1,200 tournament, is surely an encouragement to the multitude of golfers. For here is a man whose attitude towards the game is just that of the ordinary mortal. He is earnest about it, but he appears thoroughly to enjoy it. In almost every first-class player people detect some individual trait of temperament or style. Johns has none. Simplicity is the keynote of his golf, exactly as it is of his character. Johns discovered golf when, as a boy, he went to live at Ashford, in Middlesex, writes Mr. R. Renshaw Howard, and found that he could earn money out of school hours by carrying clubs. One of the members, evidently appreciating his keenness as a caddy, arranged for him to spend five evenings in the shop there as a club-making apprentice. From these small beginnings he has risen to distinction.

So wholly human is Johns in his golfing ways that—like 180 players out of every 1,000—he shies at the drudgery of going out alone to practise shots. It is sometimes said that this is the only sure path to progress at golf and that every amateur or professional of note has followed it.

Johns, like the average club member with a handicap of anything from 1 to 24, says that he does not like it.

Whether it is for this reason that he has had to wait till the age of 38 before winning a first-class tournament I do not know. But it is something to have come upon a golf conqueror who is neither a giant in physique nor possessed of any of those engaging eccentricities which are supposed to be allied to genius.



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Before they left London, the delegates went in a body to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, another on the grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, and a third at the Abraham Lincoln statue at Westminster.

THE DRUG ILLUSION.

Pleading at a luncheon to the American doctors at the Hyde Park Hotel Knightsbridge, on June 5, Sir Arbuthnot Lane referred to the work done during the war by General Sir Alfred Keogh, as Director-General of the Army Medical Service. He added:

He came out of the war with enhanced honour and dignity, but he received no reward, no distinction, no remuneration of any kind. It is always the way with the medical profession. They do their work nobly; they do not expect recompense and they do not get it. (Laughter.)

Dr. Wood-Hutchinson, responding to the toast, said:

We are getting rid of the drug illusion. We are willing even to subscribe to the dictum of Oliver Wendell Holmes, that if 99 per cent. of all the drugs we possess were thrown into the sea it would be a good thing for the human race but rather hard on the fishes. He ridiculed the dietary of the faddists, who banned meat. The most important single factor in a common-sense diet was meat and lots of it.

It was the best food ever invented and the instincts which urged people to eat it were good and good. There was no particle of evidence in support of the old nonsense about meat being bad for the kidneys and for sufferers from gout. Meat-eating races like the New Zealand, Australian, and Canadian had the lowest death-rate in the world. Vegetables, of course, should figure in a common-sense diet.

A doctor should question his patient just long enough to find out what he liked to eat, and then he should give it to him.

People who lived on a diet mainly composed of cereals had just about the same resisting power to disease as cows and rabbits.

Children wanted not bread and butter, but butter and bread, and the most intelligent of them would lick the butter off the bread.

DOCTORS AND THE PRESS.
Sir Arbuthnot Lane, replying to a toast of his health, commented on the fact that in America doctors could write freely in the newspapers and educate the public, whereas in England if a doctor wrote to the newspapers some branch of what was called the Ethical Medical Committee was down upon him at once.

Doctors should insist that the men who could speak best about health should be allowed to do so without receiving insulting letters from the Ethical Medical Committee.

That was a self-constituted body which had no business to exist, and yet on the slightest pretence it wrote to him rude and insulting letters, letters which were in no way deserved. The position was perfectly absurd.

"So you think you can stand the arduous duties of a variety actor? You know in our play we find occasion to throw you down a 30-foot flight of stairs into a barrel of rain water."

"I think I can stand it," said the hungry man. "I was a collector in a hire system furniture firm for three years."

FOUND ELIXIR.

HOW WOMEN STAY YOUNG.

THEY WEAR SILK.

A generation ago a woman of 40 was an old lady, wearing voluminous red flannel petticoats and a shawl; and sitting by the fireside crocheting. Dr. Hall told the Public Health Congress.

"Now," he continued, "she has captured the spirit of eternal youth. She looks 20 years of age, plays golf and tennis all day, and jizzes until early morning. Nevertheless, she beamingly presides at the breakfast simply because she wears silk next her skin, and with short skirts and low necks allows light and air to reach her body, thus regaining youth, beauty, and health."

The doctor added that Mr. Churchill's silk tax constituted a blow to the health of the fair sex.

LIVING BAROMETER.

FISH AS SUCCESSFUL WEATHER PROPHET.

A fish which should prove useful to "weekenders" is the pond loach, a consignment of which reached a London aquarium dealer recently.

It is a queer looking creature with a striped, eel-like body and a set of ten barbels around the mouth, giving it a sort of "Old Bill" expression. Though the pond loach sometimes exceeds a foot in length, imported specimens are usually about 5 or 6 in. long.

The chief peculiarity of this peculiar fish is its extreme sensitivity to atmospheric changes, and for this reason it is known as the weather fish.

Of burrowing habit, it spends much of its time in an aquarium, beneath the sand with only its head exposed, but upon the approach of bad weather it becomes very active, swimming about most energetically near the surface.

It is said to be able to foretell a disturbance of this kind 24 hours ahead; and is, therefore, often kept as an animated barometer.

WIFE BOUGHT FOR SON.

A report comes from Essex, the capital of Slavonia, of the marriage of Alexander Miledic, the 13-year-old son of a gipsy voyvoda, to the 12-year-old daughter of the gipsy bidder, Philipovic. Following an old custom, the bridegroom's father had paid the sum of 2,000 dinars for his son's wife. After the wedding, the police appeared, carried the guests off to the town hall and informed them that the marriage was illegal. The voyvoda protested against this intervention, saying that he had himself been married at the age of 13, his wife being 12 at that time. To buy a girl was a very old custom of the gipsies. The police released the guests, but sentenced the bride's and bridegroom's fathers to 15 days' imprisonment. (From San Francisco Examiner.)

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LOCAL & GENERAL.

The Star Ferry has resumed its early morning service; the first ferry leaving at 5.30 a.m.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board has been fixed for tomorrow at 4.15 p.m. The Medical Officer of Health, pursuant to notice, will move:—That the Board do make by-laws for the regulation of aerated water manufacturing and food-preserving establishments.

Watching a cat kill and partly eat a mouse, Donald Rowe, a three-year-old Bournemouth boy, thought that what the cat liked would also be good for him. So he got the remains of the mouse and ate it. Soon afterwards he became ill and had convulsions, and after some persuasion told his father "Pussy and I ate a mouse." He is now in a critical condition.

Two young girls—Kubo Hideko and Akiyama Hatsu, both 20 years of age, of Tanuma-machi, Fochigai-ken, Japan, threw themselves into the Tonegawa from the railway bridge, near the town of Tatebayashi. Gumma-ken. The latter was picked up, but the former was drowned. Both were born in the unlucky year of *hinoe* (fire) and so anticipated a difficulty in finding husbands.

It is extraordinary, the reckless way in which some people hang their signposts nowadays. One day a man dashed into a London hospital and said that he had accidentally swallowed a coin. He was rushed to the X-ray department and a small round substance was located and later extracted. When the operation had been successfully completed, the patient made sure just what it was he had swallowed and then, finding it to be a sixpence, he handed the coin casually to the operator as a reward for his services.

Says the "Japan Chronicle": A foreign firm in Kobe which has a few Chinese employees has received letters from some of them, of varying tenor, but all pointing to the impending resignation of the writers. As the men were old employees, they were called up one by one and asked what they were driving at. They all repudiated all knowledge of the letters, which they declared they had not written, and they continued steadily at their work. This looks very much as though interested parties were acting none too scrupulously in this business. In this connection, we remarked the other day on the folly of Chinese deserting their ships in Kobe when they could get their pay and cause much more embarrassment to the shipowners if they completed the voyage and took themselves off at Hongkong. It appears that the Kobe Chinese who are running this business had foreseen that this argument would be used, and their method of getting the Chinese to leave their ships in Kobe is to inform them that if they stay on and go to Hongkong, they will not get their pay and will be compelled to stay on board and to labour with bayonet supervision. This sort of thing is easily believed in the present excited condition of affairs, and it would be as well if steps were taken to disabuse the seamen of such ideas.

"I would rather do a day's washing," said a woman after serving on the jury at Marylebone.

Harrow School is building a covered-in cricket pitch, so that practice can be had all the year round.

Letters for Denmark, Norway (East) and Sweden may now be sent by a morning air mail, closing at 6.15, from London.

Japan has now completed her largest submarine, No. 63. It is of 1,700 tons displacement, and is capable of cruising across the Pacific and returning.

In an action in the Bow County Court, over the fit of a coat, the defendant was named Westcott and one of the witnesses Sulton.

A leopard broke into the hen house of the manager of Huey Sak estate at Bangkok, and made a satisfactory meal of 13 hens and two ducks before departing. The three birds the leopard left alone were three old hens.

A farm labourer, of Brooke, Isle of Wight, William Pragnell, is seriously ill from blood poisoning through being bitten by a rat. He was carrying a bundle of hay on his shoulders when a rat in the hay twice bit him in the neck.

All associations of which the control is mainly in the hands of women are not to benefit, Mr. W. L. Stewart, of Edinburgh, expressly declared in his will, from his legacy of the residue of his property. This will amount to about £30,000, and he recommends to his trustees charities for persons in Scotland who have suffered by the war.

A curious mishap after an operation at Tite Street Hospital for Children at Chelsea, was described at a Chelsea inquest on Donald Cellers, the thirteen weeks' old child of a green-keeper, of Thanet Golf Club. After an operation for hernia, the child ceased to breathe, and an examination showed that a piece of sponge had become lodged in the larynx, and caused asphyxiation. "Accidental death" was the verdict.

One of the best known French sculptors, who works for the Government, lately received a visit from a well-known profiteer who made a huge fortune during the war. He asked the sculptor to model his two feet in marble. The price he offered was high, and, after all, there is as much art in modelling a foot as a head or a hand. The marble feet were delivered, and the profiteer explained to the sculptor now highly pleased he was. "You know, I am simply worked to death. You have no idea what business is. Now I can send this masterpiece of yours to my bootmaker. I won't have to disturb myself by going to have my boots tried on."



SOCIAL & PERSONAL.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced—Mr. John Wadmore, overseer of the P.W.D., to Miss Clara Hicklin, who arrives in the Colony by the s.s. Karmala; Mr. Benjamin C. Randall, of No. 1, Bonham Strand, to Miss Ada Maud Lee, of 32a, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

Mr. E. W. Carter, when leaving Tientsin recently to take up residence in England, was presented with a piece of plate at a meeting of the British Municipal Council, in appreciation of his services to the Council. The Chairman, Mr. E. C. Peters, made the presentation.

The death has occurred of Mr. Joseph Caulfield James, principal of the Commercial School at Wat Keo Fa Lang in Siphya Road, Bangkok. Mr. James, who was at one time a tutor at the Royal Palace, had been in Bangkok for 38 years. He came out from England when passages only cost £80.

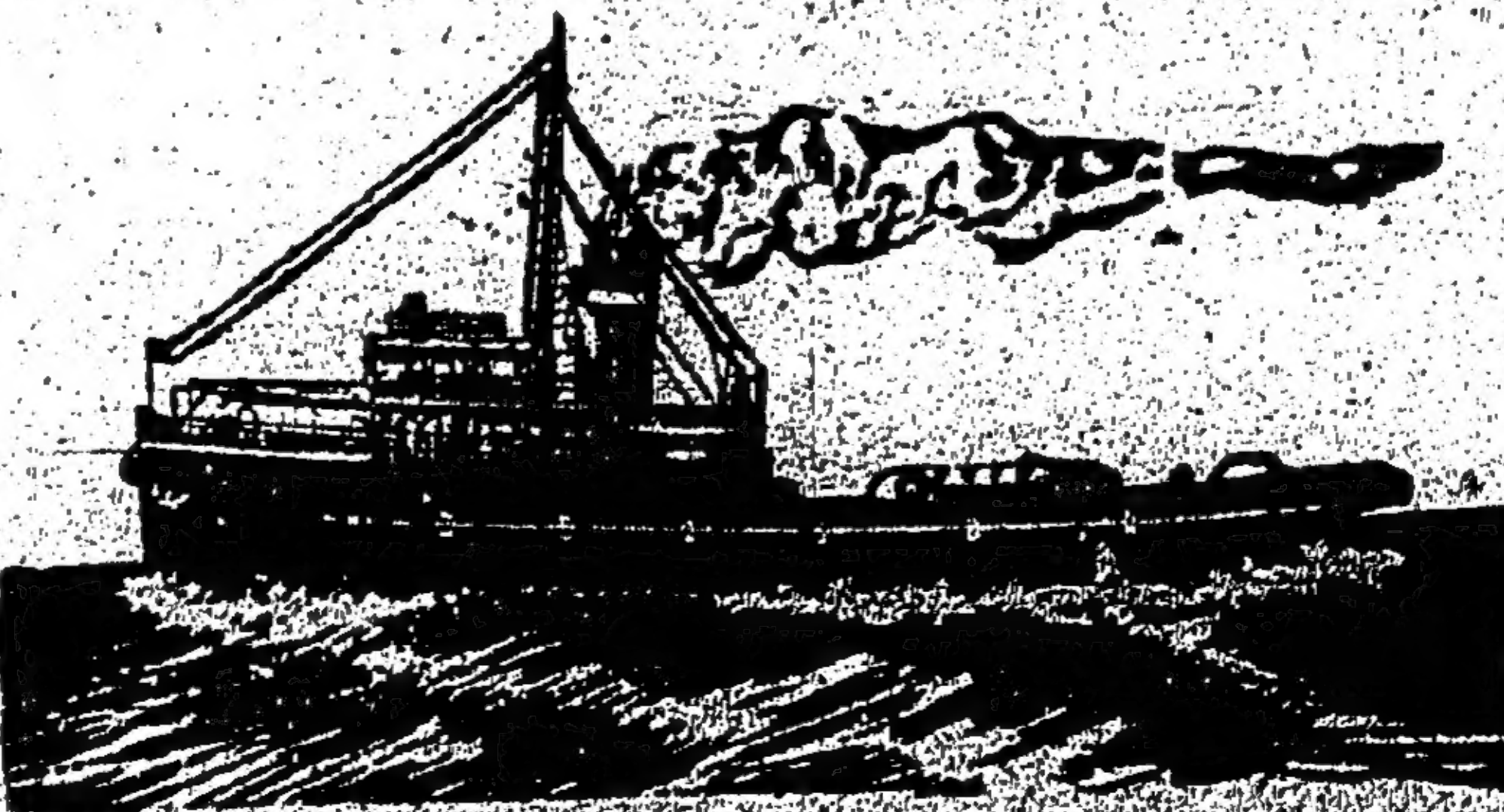
Lord Rosebery, who celebrated his 78th birthday the other day, showed little of that industry when at Eton which was to distinguish him in later life. He had for his tutor William Cory, the poet, who refers to his young pupil enthusiastically as "surely the wisest boy that ever lived." At the same time, Cory is not without his misgivings. "I would give you," he writes to a friend in 1862, "a piece of plate if you could get that lad to work. He is one of those who like the palm without the dust."

The post of First and Principal Naval A.D.C. to the King, now to be taken up by Admiral Sir Montague Browning, was instituted by a former sailor King, William IV, who made it no empty honour by providing, or causing to be provided, an allowance of £1 per diem for the holder. It could formerly be held by an officer for year at a stretch, but, in common with other high posts, changed hands more frequently. Admiral Browning is the fifth Admiral to be appointed to it since the war. Thereby he renews an acquaintance of long standing with the King, as in 1890 he helped to instruct his Majesty, then Lieutenant Prince George, R.N., in gunnery in H.M.S. Excellent.

The King of Italy's daughters are not making brilliant marriages, the eldest, Princess Yolanda, who at one time was regarded as a very probable Princess of Wales, married a cavalry officer of the lesser Italian nobility. She met him at the Horse Show at Olympia, and fell in love with him and his riding. The second daughter, Princess Mafalda, is now engaged to Prince Philip of Hesse, a nephew through his mother of the ex-Kaiser, and through his father of the blind Landgrave of Hesse. This engagement dispenses of the repeated statements that Princess Mafalda and the heir to the Belgian throne were going to make a match of it. Prince Philip's father, Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse, used to be immensely rich, but things are very different now, and the bridegroom is likewise a second son. His nationality and his relationship to the ex-Kaiser make the marriage anything but popular in Italy.

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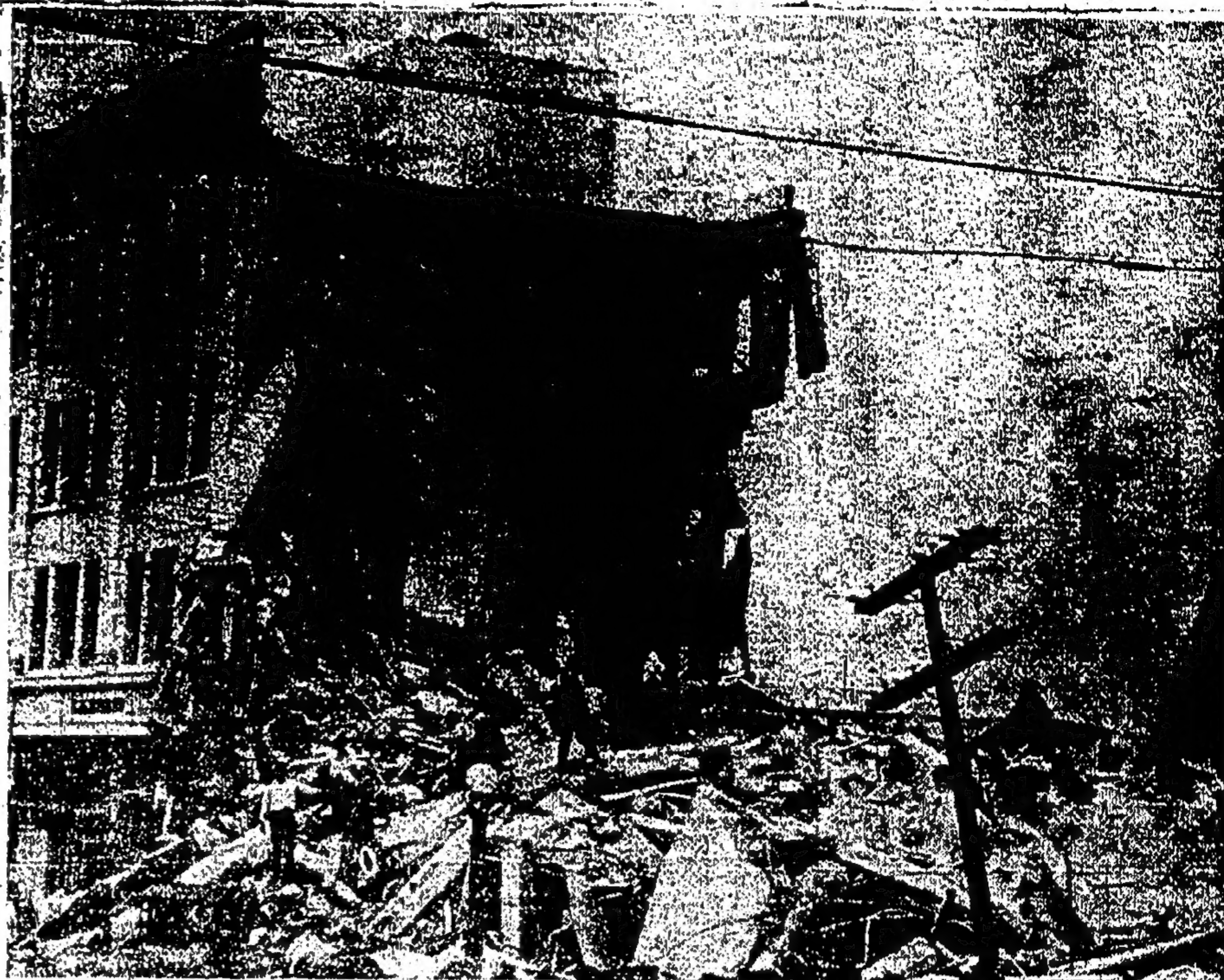
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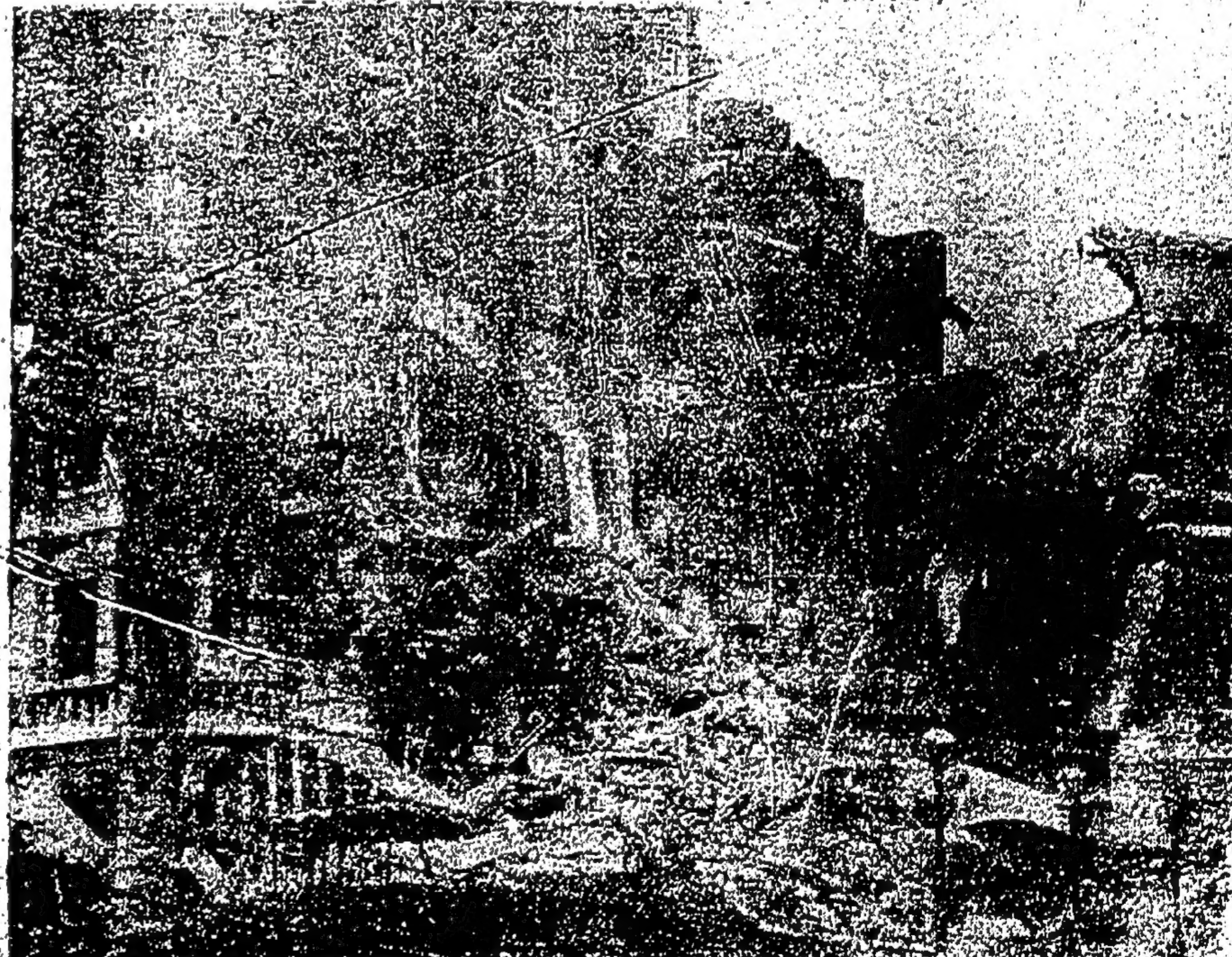
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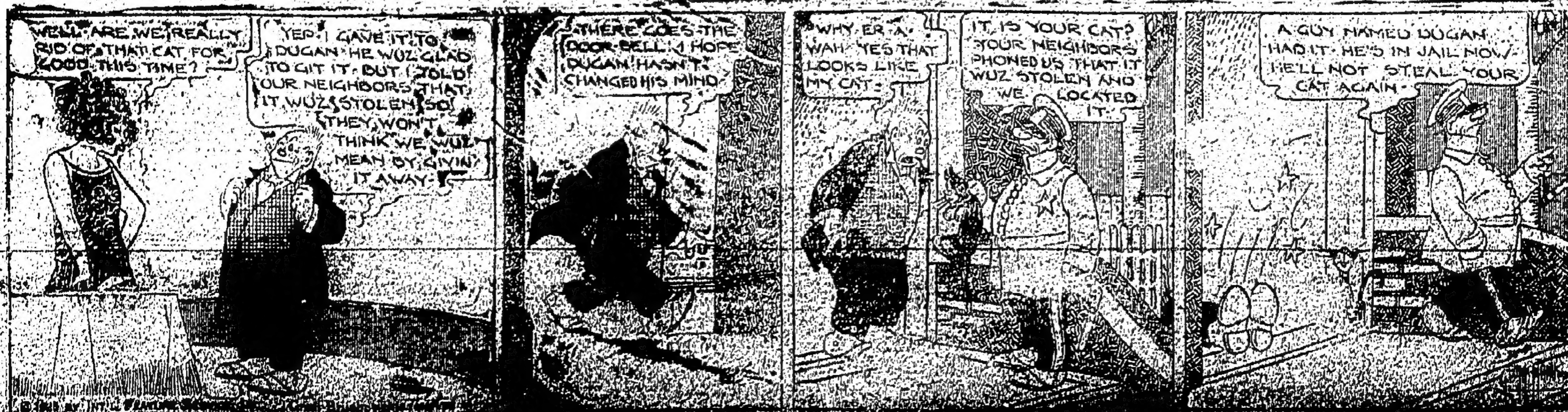


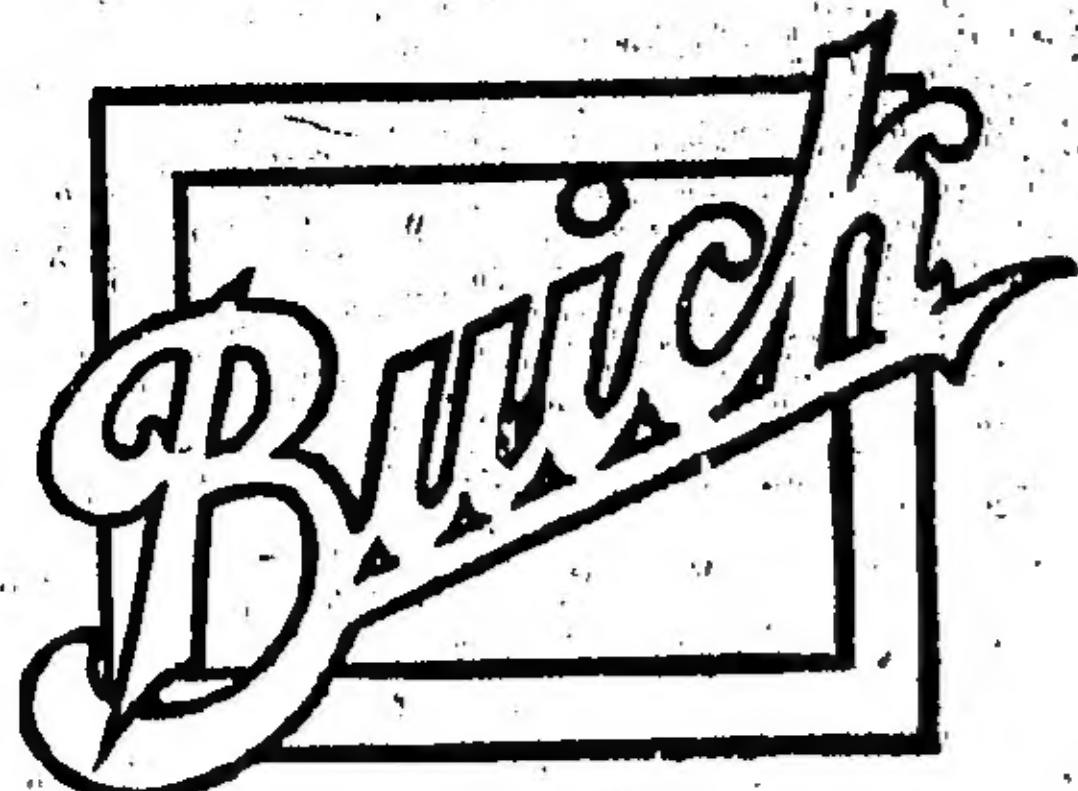
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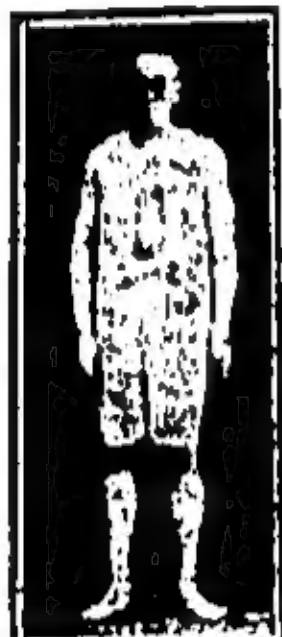
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The behaviour of the crowd at Wembley during the visit of the King and Queen was a fine example of public good manners. It is a pity that an enterprising American seized the occasion to thrust himself forward and insist on shaking hands with the King (remarks a writer in the "London Evening News.") When the King appears among his people on informal occasions he is enabled to move about freely, because the public refrains from crowding upon him. If everyone who desired to shake hands with him pressed forward to do so a strong cordon of police would be needed—a thing which nobody desires, his Majesty least of all. Our American visitors as a whole will have no good word for thrusters who seem to consider that they are superior to the ordinary rules of decent behaviour.

Summer Delicacies.

All kinds of summer delicacies made their first appearance at the fashionable restaurants the other day. At the Savoy were the first of the Fraises de Bois—tiny wild strawberries which are picked in the bois near Paris and brought by aeroplane to London in time for lunch, with the dew still on them (says a "Daily News" writer.) But it should be added that champagne and sugar replaces the dew; and no other strawberries have a flavour like them. The first of the écrivisses had arrived as well. These are crayfish that are brought over alive from France by air and cooked with recipes that are 300 years old. It was Carême, Louis XIV's great chef, who discovered the hidden succulence of the crayfish and won a Royal heart as well.

Somerset Maugham's New Play.

Mr. Maugham's new play, "Rain," makes me think even more than the short story on which it is founded how much he owes to the French short story-teller, De Maupassant (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer.) That writer—who died insane—was very remarkable for treating "unpleasant" topics in a serious way, instead of in the light and humorous style of many of his fellow countrymen. It is no doubt this that makes imitation possible, for the Lord Chamberlain's principle seems to be that you can deal with vice as much as you like as long as you are not gay, but that gaiety makes any sexual reference corrupting. He licenses "Rain" and has just banned "The Punch Bowl," the most innocent of sketches, because it is amusing.

A Moral for Writers.

Rider Haggard's career has a moral—you cannot succeed in art and literature unless you are business-like (writes "Whitehall" in the "Sunday Chronicle.") Extremely familiar with South Africa and a fluent writer, he wrote three books about that country that had no success whatever. Then he looked round for what the public wanted in Stevenson's "Treasure Island," and wrote a book about lost treasure too. Thus he produced a most successful best seller, "King Solomon's Mines." Stevenson had been business-like, too, and produced his first success, "Jekyll and Hyde," in imitation of that great shilling shocker, "The Mystery of a Handful of Gold." But Rider Haggard was too business-like. He at once wrote six novels in two years and spoiled both himself and his market. Stevenson was always too artistic to do this.

Limited Divorce Reports.

Addressing the Bishop Auckland Rotary Club on May 12, the Bishop of Durham referred to scandalous suits, mainly in the Divorce Court, and said that reports published in extenso carried into public knowledge and on to the lips of people a vast deal of matter which in any other connection would be called obscene and would be prohibited by law. The probability was that such suits would increase as the liberty of divorce became more accessible. The constant publication of all such moral sewage was defiling and making society worse than it would otherwise be. Facilities for disseminating information had increased, for instance by broadcasting, and it was important that they should guard carefully and reasonably the material to be put in circulation. In a democratic community dependent on newspapers the question must be faced how far that kind of matter should be distributed; it was not fair to put the burden on newspapers. He believed the best editors and proprietors would like to be free from serving that sort of matter. He thought Sir Evelyn Cecil's Bill contained very good proposals. No public interest would be lost in nauseous trials publicly were limited to the broad facts of guilty individuals and the Judge's decision. If they had just an outline, so that people knew what had happened and no more, he did not think the community would lose anything.

Royalty and Tortoiseshell Glasses.

Lady Patricia Ramsay is back again at Clarence House after her winter's stay in Bermuda. Her husband is chief of staff to Admiral Sir John Ferguson, who is in charge of the West Indian Station (says a "London Evening News" writer.) Lady Patricia is going after a while to Baginbun Park, her childhood home, of which she is very fond. When they arrived in England on the Araguaya, Lady Patricia's small son, Sandy, was proudly carrying a Union Jack, and he suggested he should be photographed waving it. Lady Patricia has become a convert to tortoiseshell-rimmed glasses when reading.

The Effect of Noise.

Paris is notoriously one of the noisiest cities in the world, but there are others in which the discordance of noise threatens to become intolerable. A famous Paris specialist, Dr. Marcel Briand, has lately issued a warning that the perpetually increasing din of modern cities is directly injurious to public health. He declares that the uproar of the streets of Paris draws cries of pain from patients in the hospitals, and that infants and their mothers are agitated and rendered debilitated through lack of proper sleep due to the curse of noise. This medical expert further declares that the din of traffic is the cause of much of the modern abuse of drug taking. People who cannot sleep, he says, get into the habit of going to the chemist for drugs to induce sleep, and often end by becoming opium, morphine, or heroin addicts.

At Home at Hampstead.

In a few days now Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his daughters hope to be "settled in" at Upper Frognal Lodge, and all the ex-Premier's family are delighted by the prospect of the new home (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer.) It is unnecessary to say anything about the lovely old house with its rambling garden, in which Miss Isabel is going to keep bantams, and the famous blue drawingroom, in which Mr. MacDonald is going to keep books. A friend of the MacDonalds states, however, that they would not have moved to Upper Frognal Lodge at all if their faithful friend and Dutch housekeeper, who has looked after the family ever since Mrs. MacDonald died, had not approved. The last word lay with her, and, luckily for the desires of her charges, she fell in love with the house as deeply as any of them.



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